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To whom it may concern:

We, the Parowan Valley Pumpers Association, as customers of Rocky Mountain Power would like to comment on the proposed rate increase before the Public Service Commission.

Collectively we are large power users and a 5 percent increase cuts deep into already slim margins from irrigating and processing crops and taking care of livestock.

Parowan Valley customers have struggled with the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic in varying degrees. Combined with the drought, we have had to tighten our belts in our operations and households to survive. Due to the market impacts of the Coronavirus, our prices for livestock and crop commodities has dropped from 10% to 40% during the past few months, not to mention logistical complications in shipping and processing.

With that in mind, we believe that it is not in the interest of Utah customers for Rocky Mountain Power to be granted an increase in retail rates based on the following:

1. Rocky Mountain Power should not be allowed to maintain a higher than supported rate of return to justify a rate increase. Rocky Mountain Power's rate of return should be lowered to be consistent with what is justified by current financial markets. Agriculture and all other businesses are forced to work within the current financial realities and Rocky Mountain Power should be made to do the same.
2. Rocky Mountain Power should be required to reevaluate its interruptible Irrigation rate program which has decreased in value from

a 20% discount 10 years ago to around a 7% discount in recent years. The availability of Rocky Mountain Power to have the ability to interrupt irrigation customers has increased in value as power prices between the time of 5-9 p.m. in the summers continue to grow due to the integration of large scale solar projects, which have created a strain on the electric grid as solar comes off line in the afternoon. An example of this was on August 19, 2020 when wholesale market power prices climbed to \$1,600 an MWH.

3. Rocky Mountain should not be granted any increase in retail rates until they provide needed maintenance in rural areas like the Parowan Valley to reduce outages. We continue to receive electric service that is not at the standard provided by other utilities or by Rocky Mountain Power in more populated areas.

We hope you will carefully review the issues we have presented, and we would expect answers to the points raised above.

Sincerely,



Parowan Valley Pumpers

Craig Laub, Chairman

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Please reduce rates for Rocky Mountain Power customers (Docket 20-035-04)

1 message

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Fri, Nov 13, 2020 at 11:18 AM

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Thank you for your consideration of Utahns who are deeply impacted by this proposed increase and I urge you to support lower rates for Utah customers.

Sincerely,

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We moved here a year and a half ago from Utah. Living on Social Security. Needless to say with the pandemic everyone is hurting. In our opinion this is not the best time to raise fees, but if you could find the way to reduce in some way, that would be be beneficial and create a great deal of goodwill in our opinion.

Thank you,
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